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RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
RE: MODIFICATION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN OF THE
SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56
AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCLAIM BY CERTIFICATE THESE
MINOR MODIFICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the South End Urban Renewal Area was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on September 23, 1965 and approved by the City Council of the City of Boston on December 6, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of Chapter 12 of said Plan entitled:
"Modifications" provides that the Urban Renewal Plan may be
modified at any time by the Boston Redevelopment Authority without
further approval provided that the proposed modifications do not
substantially or materially alter or change the Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Authority that the minor modification with respect to Parcel 19 area is consistent with the objectives of the South End Urban Renewal Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant to Chapter 781 of the Acts and Resolves of 1972 with respect to minimizing and preventing damage to the environment;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Plan is a minor change and may be adopted within the discretion of the Authority pursuant to Section 1201 of said Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THAT:

Pursuant to Section 1201 thereof of the South End Urban Renewal Plan, Mass. R-56, be and hereby is amended by:

- 1. That Map No. 1, "Property Map", is hereby modified by the addition of numbers 334,395, and 401 Shawmut Avenue.
- 2. That the proposed modification is found to be a minor modification which does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan;
- 3. That all other provisions of said Plan not inconsistent herewith be and are continuing in full force and effect;

- 4. That it is hereby found and determined that the proposed development will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment and further, that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid or minimize damage to the environment.
- 5. That the Director be and hereby is authorized to proclaim by certificate these minor modifications of the Plan, all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook, RHM7207.1, Circular dated June 3, 1970.



August 15, 1974

MEMORANDUM

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: Robert T. Kenney, Director

SUBJECT: SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56

PROCLAIMER OF MINOR MODIFICATION OF THE

URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

EMERGENCY TENANTS' COUNCIL

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SUMMARY: This memorandum requests that the Authority
(1) adopt a minor modification of the South
End Urban Renewal Plan with respect to
Disposition Parcel 19; and (2) authorize the
Director to proclaim by certificate this

minor modification.

The Authority designated the Emergency Tenants' Council as redeveloper of the Parcel 19 area on December 11, 1969. Since that time the Emergency Tenants' Council has successfully completed a major rehabilitation program on Tremont Street, West Newton Street, and Shawmut Avenue. The Emergency Tenants' Council has also recently completed construction of a 200 unit Elderly Housing Tower which is scheduled for occupancy in August.

The Emergency Tenants' Council is now preparing a second phase rehabilitation program. Several Authority owned and City Owned buildings are committed for the Phase II rehabilitation program. In addition, three privately owned buildings have been requested for inclusion by the developer.

These three buildings, No. 334,395 and 401, Shawmut Avenue are adjacent to property rehabilitated by the Emergency Tenants' Council. Two of the owners have requested hardship takings by the Authority and the third is willing to negotiate a sale. The inclusion of these properties in the Emergency Tenants' Council Phase II Rehabilitation will remove deteriorated buildings from the Parcel 19 area and provide badly needed housing units.

It is therefore advisable to add the acquisition of Nos. 334,395 and 401 Shawmut Avenue to the South End Urban Renewal Plan.

The proposed modification is minor and does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan. This modification may, therefore, be effected by vote of the Authority, pursuant to Section 1201 of the South End Urban Renewal Plan.

An appropriate Resolution is attached.

